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# RECREATION

*STATUS*—Standards and site locations for a comprehensive system of recreational facilities for the City of Detroit were developed by the Department of Parks and Recreation and the City Plan Commission from 1942 to 1946. The general plan was described in a Master Plan Report, A Proposed System of Recreational Facilities, published in August, 1946.

After circulation of the report and public hearings, the plan was adopted by the Common Council on February 2, 1947.

Precise locations of 68 playgrounds were recommended to the Common Council on May 28, 1947, and approved as an amendment to the plan.

Further lists of vacant land sites within congested areas were approved by the Common Council on December 16, 1947, and August 17, 1948. Minor revisions of site locations have been made from time to time.

A plan for location of recreation centers and pools involving joint use of facilities for school and recreational purpose uses was developed by a committee from the Board of Education, Department of Parks and Recreation, Budget Bureau and the City Plan Commission. Their recommendations were adopted by the Common Council as part of the Master Plan on October 7, 1947.

# COMPOSITE PLAN *Recreation*

## SCOPE OF THE RECREATION PLANS

The need for publicly administered recreational facilities available to all people of the city and its area is widely recognized. This need has been given public recognition in the budgets of the Board of Education, the Department of Parks and Recreation, the Wayne County Park Department, the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority and the State Conservation Department.

The recreational needs are to be met in facilities of two general kinds:

Places for active play, social gatherings or quiet enjoyment close enough to people's homes for everyday use by children, young people and adults of all ages.

Regional recreation areas preserving for common enjoyment the natural resources in woodlands, meadows, shorelines and other scenic features of the area.

The regional resources within the city include the Detroit riverfront, the Rouge valley, and a few remaining woodlots and meadows. Recommendations for these areas are included in the major park plan and the plan for development of the riverfront.

The recreation plan is limited to the facilities within the City of Detroit. The river valleys, lakes and other resources outside the corporate limits are being developed by the Wayne County Park Department, the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority and the State Conservation Department.

Evaluation of the present facilities and programs shows that Detroit's most acute recreational needs are for those facilities close enough to people's homes to be available for everyday use. These include playgrounds, playfields and swimming pools for active sports; landscaped areas for picnics and passive recreation; places for social gatherings, dramatics, woodworking and other crafts. In some form these facilities should be available to people living in every neighborhood in the city. Some should be in each neighborhood. Operation of others requires a larger population from which to draw participants.

This plan is based on standards found acceptable in recreation practice throughout the country.

## SUMMARY OF STANDARDS FOR RECREATION AREAS

The recreation standards are intended as a series of objective

measurements applicable in turn to each neighborhood and community within the city. They are based on three simple premises:

1. That there are practical limits to the distance which either children or adults can be expected to travel to a playground or recreation center, and that these distances are less for small children than for adults.
2. That each type of recreational activity whether it is baseball or hop-scotch has needs for a given amount of space to be played satisfactorily.
3. That the total area for recreational purposes must be scaled to the number of people within its service radius.

In general, the total recreation area for the city should be increased by having more playgrounds and playfields closer together, rather than having larger playgrounds or playfields.

Following is a summary of the recreation standards of the Master Plan. Each factor is discussed more fully on the following pages.

Type of Facility	Size	Travel Distance
Junior playground .....	2-4 acres	1/4 mile
Central playground .....	5-7 acres	1/2 mile
Playfield .....	30-60 acres	1-1 1/2 mile
Major park .....	60 acres and over	20 minutes by transit line

## STATUS OF THE PROGRAM

The program for extending Detroit's recreational facilities started from recognition of the strengths and weaknesses of the existing facilities. Detroit had playgrounds, playfields, and schools owned by the Board of Education and utilized in the recreational program.

In the development of this plan, the possibility of fuller utilization of school buildings and grounds was explored. The plan for recreation centers is based on use of existing school buildings and design of future school buildings so that construction of separate buildings can be kept to a minimum. Under an agreement between the Board of Education and Department of Parks and Recreation, new schools are designed for joint use. Joint construction or financing agreements have been entered into on some schools which will serve as major recreation centers.

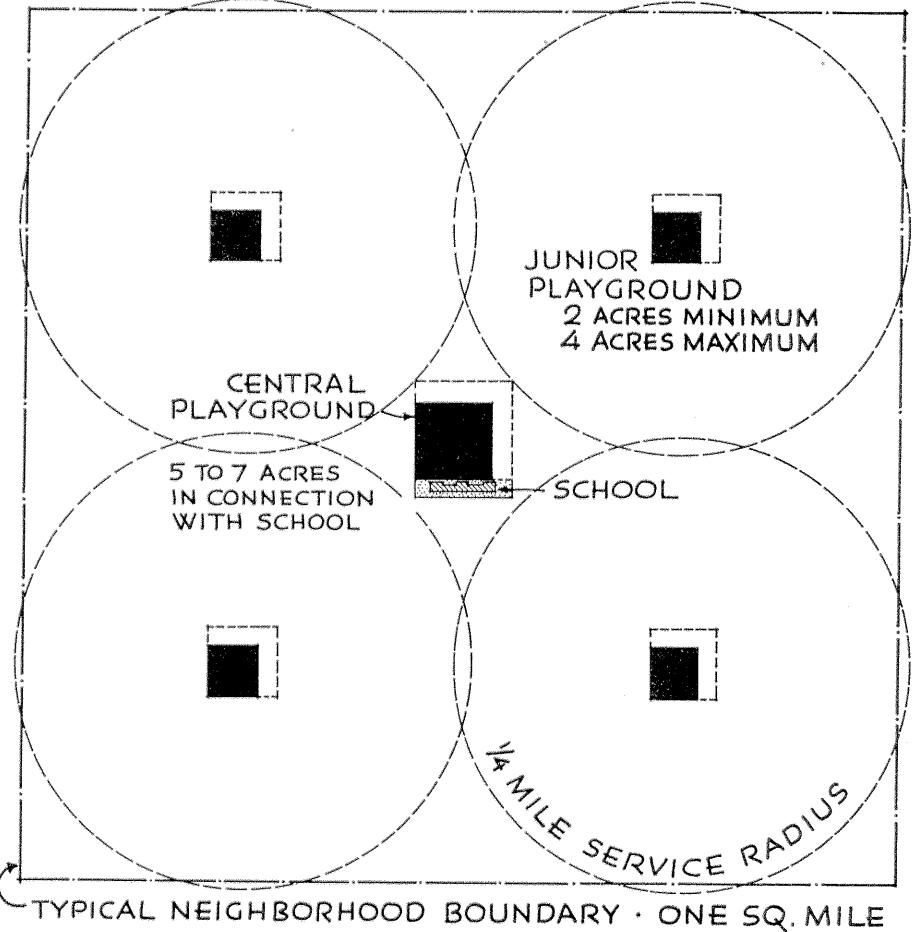
Similarly, playground and playfield acquisitions have been coordinated during the past three years. The Department of Parks and

Recreation has undertaken to acquire vacant lands which are suitable for playgrounds and playfields. Included in these acquisitions have been vacant parcels which could be used to extend school playgrounds.

## EXPLANATION OF THE MAP

The accompanying map is intended to show all areas now used for recreational purposes whether owned by the Department of Parks and Recreation, the Board of Education, or other public agency, and all sites proposed for recreational purposes in the Master Plan. Existing sites are shown in dark green; proposed sites in light green hatch. Temporary sites which will be discontinued when no longer required for recreational use are indicated by a broad hatch.

## BASIC PLAN FOR PLAYGROUND DISTRIBUTION



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PLAYFIELDS *Recreation*

FUNCTIONS TO BE SERVED AND FACILITIES REQUIRED

The playfield is primarily a space for field sports which require more area than is available on a playground. These activities usually include baseball, football, soccer, tennis and softball. The playfield may also have bleachers, a grandstand, a field house or recreation building, outdoor theater or a swimming pool.

In the Detroit recreational system the playfield is developed to provide recreational opportunities for all age groups insofar as possible. For this purpose it is placed in a wooded area or park-like setting with family picnic tables and fireplaces, playground and equipment for smaller children, and shaded areas with walks, benches and display gardens.

Each of the field sports has its own area requirements, with relatively permanent courts and diamonds. The playfield must be large enough overall to accommodate these sports activities without interference from each other. When the playfields are used for inter-scholastic and exhibition events, it is usually desirable to have

diamonds and gridirons maintained for competitive games in addition to practice grounds.

A margin around the active play area for picnic groves, shaded areas and landscaped border is desirable.

As a playfield standard for the Master Plan, the Board of Education, Department of Parks and Recreation and City Plan Commission have established eight acres as a minimum for an effective intermediate school health education program, 15 acres for an effective high school program. In a playfield for combined school and community use 30 acres is considered a minimum and 40 acres desirable.

FACTORS GOVERNING LOCATION OF PLAYFIELDS

A playfield can normally service an area within a radius of one mile with an upper limit of one and one-half miles. In the Detroit Master Plan, this service radius corresponds generally to four neighborhoods which is also the service area of the intermediate school.

In order to permit full utilization of available facilities by both schools and community, playfields have been located wherever possible

adjacent to intermediate and high schools.

Since the playfield and intermediate school are used most intensively by adolescents, the one mile service radius permits a large number to walk to the playfield. Others come by bicycle, family automobile or public transportation. In order to be accessible by public transportation, the playfield should be along a major thoroughfare or near the intersection of two major thoroughfares.

EXPLANATION OF THE MAP

The accompanying map shows in dark green sites now owned by the Department of Parks and Recreation or the Board of Education for playfields purposes. Additional sites proposed for acquisition are shown in light green. A dark hatched green indicates sites now used for playfields which may be discontinued when other fields are available or when changes in land use eliminate the need.

Existing playfields include portions of proposed playfields now in use as playgrounds or small parks which are within sites ultimately to be developed as playfields.

THE PLAN Key	Playfield name and location	Exist- ing Acreage	Proposed Additional Acreage	Key	Playfield name and location	Exist- ing Acreage	Proposed Additional Acreage	Key	Playfield name and location	Exist- ing Acreage	Proposed Additional Acreage	Key	Playfield name and location	Exist- ing Acreage	Proposed Additional Acreage	Key	Playfield name and location	Exist- ing Acreage	Proposed Additional Acreage
1-1	Mack-Russell playfield: Russell, Mack, Dequindre, Superior.....		34.0		Extension: Sherwood, Huber, St. Cyril, Miller.....		17.0	7-6	Algonquin playfield: Connor, Avondale, Algonquin, Detroit River.....	45.5		11-2	Butzel playfield: Meyers, line south of Chalfonte, alley south of Mendota, Lyndon.....	34.7		14-2	Littlefield playfield: Indiana, Buena Vista, Cherrylawn, alley north of Fullerton.....	10.2	
1-2	Perrien Park: Chene, Warren, Grandy, Hancock.....	4.6		6-1	Mack-McClellan playfield: McClellan, Canfield, Pennsylvania, Mack.....		30.0	8-1	Denby high playfield and extension: Grayton, Kelly, line east of Britain, Duchess.....	17.4		11-3	Greenfield-Curtis playfield: Greenfield, Pickford, Coyle, Curtis... ..	16.3		15-1	Dingeman playfield (Chadsey high): Cecil, McGraw, Martin, Ironside.....	19.7	
	Northeastern playfield extension: Chene, Warren, McDougall, Forest.....	.7	12.8	6-2	Pingree Park (Barbour intermediate playfield): Iroquois, Burns, Warren, Canfield.....	18.6		8-3	Hoover-Seven Mile playfield: Hoover, Seven Mile, Dresden, Park Grove.....		55.0	12-1	Sawyer Field (Redford high playfield) and James T. Hope playfield: Chapel, Grand River, alley west of Westbrook, Verne.....	22.9		15-3	Atkinson playfield: Wesson, McGraw, Junction, Devereaux. Extension: Wesson, Devereaux, Junction, Ford Expressway.....	13.5	11.5
1-3	Miller high playfield extension: St. Aubin, Waterloo, Chene, Maple.....		19.2	6-3	Southeastern high playfield: Alley east of Lemay, Goethe, Fairview, Charlevoix.....	7.1		8-4	Burbank school playfield: Brock, State Fair, Crusade, Maddelein.....	31.0		12-2	Stoepe! Park: Evergreen, Outer Drive, Westwood, line north of Lyndon.....	29.3		15-4	Livernois-Joy playfield: Livernois, Joy, Central, PMRR.....		30.0
1-4	Harper-B. Grand Boulevard playfield: E. Grand Blvd., Milwaukee, Ellery, Boulevard Court.....		32.8	6-4	Van Dyke playfield: Alley west of Van Dyke, Durand, Van Dyke, Kercheval.....	.5		8-5	Trix school playfield: Schoenherr, Bringard, Reno, State Fair.....	13.5		12-3	Emerson school playfield: Evergreen, Pickford, Huntington, Curtis.....	23.0		15-5	Lonyo-playfield: Trenton, Arnold, Lonyo, Southern.....	24.8	
2-2	Jefferson intermediate playfield: Hamilton, Forest, Third, Stimson.....	8.2	28.3		Extension: Baldwin, Vernor, Van Dyke, Kercheval.....		11.6	9-1	Pershing high playfield: Revere, Seven Mile, Wexford, Robinwood.....	12.4		12-4	Pembroke-Sunderland playfield: Grandville, Fargo, St. Martins..	30.0		15-6	Junction-Konkel playfield: PMRR, Konkel, Junction.....	13.7	
2-4	Elton Park: Fifth at Elizabeth.....	.8		6-5	St. Clair playfield: Alley west of Lemay, Lemay, alley south of Warren, Fairview, alley north of Canfield.....	8.1		9-2	Jayne-Lasky playfield: Conant, Luce, Keystone, Chalmers.....	64.7		12-6	Eliza Howell playfield: Telegraph, Fenkel, West Parkway, Schoolcraft.....	33.0		16-1	Clark Park: Clark, Vernor, Scotten, Lafayette.....	29.8	
2-5	Michigan-W. Grand Blvd. playfield: McKinley, Selden, Williams, Michigan.....		30.0		Extension: Montclair, alley south of Warren, Fairview, Canfield..		6.9	9-4	Van Dyke-Suzanne playfield: Van Dyke, Bliss, Antwerp, Suzanne.....	15.0		13-1	Cody high playfield: Stahelin, West Chicago, Faust, Cathedral.....	30.9		16-4	Southwestern high playfield: alley east of Post, Fort, Waterman, Wabash.....		7.0
3-1	Rooseveltschoolplayfield:Linwood, Tuxedo, LaSalle, Calvert.....	17.0		6-6	Belle Isle playfield: Belle Isle.....	38.0		9-5	Mound-Outer Drive playfield: Alley west of Buffalo, Amrad, Mound, Outer Drive.....	37.0		13-2	Stoepe! Park No. 2 playfield: Grandmont, West Chicago, Mansfield, Cathedral.....	44.8		16-5	Patton Memorial Park playfield: Dix, Woodmere, Vernor.....	40.0	
3-2	Northwestern high playfield: Grand River, W. Grand Blvd., Wreford, Lawton.....	28.8		6-8	Waterworks Park.....	10.0		9-6	State Fair Grounds playfield: Woodward, Eight Mile, GTWRR, State Fair.....		30.0		Extension: North side of Ellis between Grandmont and Asbury Park.....		1.4	16-6	Fort-Purdue playfield: alley east of Downing, city limits, alley west of Purdue, Fort.....	22.5	
	Extension: West side of Lawton, north side of Wreford.....		8.7	7-1	Jackson intermediate playfield: Marlborough, Waveney, Philip, Lozier.....	1.5		9-7	Conant-Bush playfield: Conant, Bush, Fleming, Pointer.....		7.7	13-3	Ruddiman school playfield: Southfield, Diversey, Longacre, line north of Warren.....	6.8		16-7	Leigh-Herkimer playfield: Copland, Herkimer, Leigh, line south of Herkimer.....	12.9	
3-4	Boston-Petoskey playfield: Broadstreet, Collingwood, Dexter, Boston.....		14.0		Extension: Marlborough, Waveney, Alter, Mack.....		40.3	10-1	Munford high playfield: Mendota, Thatcher, Griggs, Santa Clara.....	19.8		13-4	Asbury playfield: Asbury Park, PMRR, Greenfield, Capital.....	35.3		16-8	Oakwood playfield: Wabash Railroad, Armond, line north of Colonial.....	21.1	
4-1	Holbrook-Oakland playfield: Oakland, Holbrook, Cameron, Manson.....		42.0	7-2	Cannon playfield: Cadieux, Southampton, alley west of Guilford, alley north of Warren.....	11.8		10-3	Higginbotham school playfield: Indiana, Norfolk, Cherrylawn, Chippewa.....	14.3		13-5	Rodge high playfields: Outer Drive, Plymouth, Burt, Warren.....	80.0		16-10	Riverside playfield: West Grand Boulevard, Pennsylvania Railroad, 24th, Detroit River.....	10.0	
4-2	Codd Field (Hutchins intermediate playfield): Woodrow Wilson, Hazelwood, Byron, Blaine.....	7.5			Extension: West side of Guilford, between Warren and Frankfort.....		1.0	10-5	William A. Comstock playfield: Greenfield, James Couzens, Hubbel.....	34.8									
	Extension: Twelfth, Gladstone, Woodrow Wilson, Euclid.....		24.0	7-3	Manz playfield: North side of Mack, west side of Conner.....	6.6		10-6	Palmer Park playfield: Palmer Park.....	51.0									
5-1	Lodge playfield and Burroughs school grounds: Van Dyke, Georgia.....	13.4			Extension: Conner, Waveney, Springle, Mack.....		19.4	11-1	Cooley high playfield: Coyle, Ellsworth, Hubbell, Chalfonte.....	9.0									
				7-5	Canyon-Warren playfield: Canyon, Radnor, Warren.....	20.0													

MAJOR PARKS *Recreation*

FUNCTIONS TO BE SERVED AND FACILITIES REQUIRED

The major park is a large open area which preserves the natural scenic beauty of woodland, meadow, river valley or lake front. Major parks often have botanical gardens, zoological exhibits, nature trails, bicycle trails, outdoor amphitheatres, model yacht basins, and facilities for group picnics and winter sports. Large parks often have a golf course and bridle trails.

The Master Plan emphasizes the need for large parks within the city in addition to and supplementing metropolitan or regional parks at a greater distance.

Metropolitan or regional parks often offer camping, fishing, hiking, trailside museums, wild life sanctuaries, swimming, sailing or canoeing. Space for these activities can seldom be provided in large parks within cities.

SIZE AND MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

The major park should be large enough to become a real opening or break in the surrounding urban development giving a sense of uninterrupted natural terrain. A fairly compact area of at least 250 acres is necessary before a natural scenic character can be established. For some inner communities where large sites are not available, the plan proposes major parks as small as 60 acres, however.

The need for large parks is also measured in terms of acreage per thousand persons within the area to be served. Standards of the National Recreation Association suggest that there should be seven acres of open land for every thousand persons. While it is recognized that some of this acreage may be supplied in regional forest reserves of camping areas at some distance from the community to be served, at least four acres per thousand should be at the edge of the community and accessible for frequent use. The total large park acreage proposed for Detroit in the master plan will provide 4,717 acres or 2.6 acres per thousand persons within the city.

FACTORS GOVERNING LOCATION OF LARGE PARKS

To be close enough for evening picnics, winter sports, hikes and similar activities, large parks should be accessible within twenty minutes by public transit from all homes in the city. In the Detroit

plan, large parks have been located where possible along the borders of communities where they also serve the incidental function of buffering or separating residential communities from each other and from industry. Those sites bordering on communities generally lie within two or three miles of all homes.

EXPLANATION OF THE MAP

The solid green areas on the accompanying map show large park areas now owned by the Department of Parks and Recreation, whether these areas have been developed for use or not. Proposed additions are shown in light green.

THE PLAN					<i>Playfields acreage within parks</i>
		<i>Existing Acres</i>	<i>Proposed Acquisition</i>	<i>Total Acres</i>	
2-5	Michigan-West Grand Boulevard	0	97.2	97.2	30.0
4-1	Holbrook-Oakland	0	111.1	111.1	42.0
5-1	Lodge playfield extended	12.7	58.7	71.4	30.0
6-6	Belle Isle	985.0	0	985.0	38.0
6-7	Gabriel Richard Park extended	21.9	14.0	35.9	0
6-8	Riverfront park (Owen park to St. Jean)	196.9	53.9	248.5	10.0
7-6	Riverfront park (Algonquin and Alfred Brush Ford Parks extended)	135.3	50.7	186.0	45.5
7-5	Canyon-Warren	61.5	0	61.5	20.0
7-7	Chandler Park	213.1	0	213.1	46.0
9-5	Farwell Field	108.5	37.0	145.5	0
9-6	State Fair Grounds	0	155.2	155.2	30.0
10-6	Palmer Park	287.0	0	287.0	51.0
12-4	Evergreen-Pem- broke	92.0	10.0	102.0	30.0
12-5	Redford golf course and Upper Rouge parkway	121.9	49.7	171.6	0
12-6	Eliza Howell Park extended	220.7	157.2	377.8	33.0
13-5	Rouge Park	1,203.6	0	1,203.6	80.0
15-4	Livernois-Joy	0	63.6	63.6	30.0
15-5	Lonyo extended	24.8	40.9	65.7	25.0
16-4	Fort Wayne	0	85.9	85.9	0
16-5	Patton Memo- rial Park	96.4	0	96.4	40.0

NEIGHBORHOOD RECREATION CENTERS

Recreation

FUNCTIONS OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER AND FACILITIES REQUIRED

Inherent in the process of reorienting urban development around the neighborhood and community as units of social organization is the necessity of providing public places in each neighborhood where adults and young people may meet for indoor social and recreational activities.

These may be for club or association meetings, dances, or group activities in physical recreation, handicraft, sewing, music or dramatics. For these activities it is desirable to have a small auditorium, gymnasium, social games and handicraft rooms, kitchen and serving pantry, reading rooms and space for storage and incidental administrative offices.

FACTORS COVERING LOCATION OF NEIGHBORHOOD CENTERS

Experience of both public and private group work agencies shows that membership and participation in neighborhood clubs and associations is made up largely of people who live within one-half mile of the

meeting place. One-half mile is also the distance which elementary students are expected to walk to school.

Since the present school curriculum calls for most of these recreational facilities in modern school buildings, construction and joint administration of buildings designed to meet the needs of both the educational and recreation programs offers an opportunity for both efficiency and sound social practice.

For this reason the Master Plan provides for maximum utilization of elementary schools for neighborhood social and recreational use. The Board of Education and the Department of Parks and Recreation have adopted a program calling for joint use of existing buildings where suitable. Newly constructed schools will be adapted to community recreational use.

EXPLANATION OF THE MAP

The accompanying map shows the location of facilities for neighborhood recreational use. Since the operation of recreational programs

within these facilities changes from time to time in accordance with changing neighborhood needs, the map should not be used as a guide to current operating programs.

Facilities to provide a well located system of neighborhood recreational centers are shown in green on this map. Dark green circles indicate buildings which now exist or are under construction. Light green circles indicate proposed sites to complete a balanced distribution of centers.

Recreation department programs are carried on in school buildings and leased quarters as well as buildings owned by the Department of Parks and Recreation. Buildings owned by the department are designated by the letter "P" while Board of Education properties are designated "E" and leased quarters "L".

Existing centers to be discontinued indicated by black circles include both school and recreational facilities where programs will be continued as long as there is a need, but which will ultimately be replaced.

THE PLAN											
<i>To be Retained</i>			<i>To be Retained</i>			<i>To be Retained</i>			<i>Proposed New Facilities</i>		
1 b 1	Parke elementary	Milwaukee, E. Grand Blvd.	8 g 1	Von Steuben elementary	Linnhurst and Strasburg	13 e 1	Ford elementary	Orangelawn and Marlowe	6 a 1	New elementary	Gratiot, McClellan, Warren
1 c 1	Ferry elementary	E. Palmer at Joseph Campau	8 h 1	Wilkins elementary	Nashville and Strasburg	13 f 1	Parkman elementary	Mackenzie and Robson	6 b 1	New elementary	McClellan, Harper, DTRR, Warren
			8 m 1	Wayne elementary	Lakepointe and Courville	13 g 1	Herman Gardens recreation center	Asbury Park and Tireman	6 e 1	New elementary	Concord, Gratiot, Warren, Van Dyke, Mack
1 g 1	Smith elementary	Ellery and Charlevoix	8 n 1	Arthur elementary	Casino and Lakepointe	13 j 3	Rouge Park recreation center	Rouge Park near Sawyer	6 j 1	New elementary	McClellan, Vernor, St. Jean, Jefferson
1 h 1	Duffield elementary	Clinton and Chene	8 p 1	Carleton elementary	Adeline and Charleston	13 k 1	Ann Arbor Trail elementary	Tireman and Chatham	6 k 1	New elementary	Van Dyke, Vernor, McClellan, Jefferson
1 h 3	Elmwood recreation center	Elmwood and Congress	9 a 1	Grayling elementary	E. State Fair and Russell	14 b 1	Noble elementary	Whitlock and Rutherford	6 m 1	New elementary	Concord, Vernor, Van Dyke, Jefferson
2 b 4	Cass Rotary Youth center	Selden and Cass	9 b 1	Marshall elementary	E. Outer Drive and Fenelon	14 c 1	Parker elementary	Ward and Schoolcraft	8 j 1	New elementary	Gratiot, Dickerson, Harper, Conner
2 b 5	G A R recreation center	Grand River and Cass	9 c 1	Mason elementary	Lantz and Mitchell	14 d 1	McFarlane elementary	Garden and Prairie	9 g 1	New elementary	Dequindre, Davison, Conant, Carpenter
2 c 1	Poe elementary	Brooklyn and Lysander	9 d 1	Van Zile elementary	E. Outer Drive and Fenelon	14 e 1	Barton elementary	W. Chicago and Livernois	10 b 1	New elementary	Schaefer, Eight Mile, Wyoming, 7-Mile
2 d 1	Chaney elementary	Brooklyn and Henry	9 e 1	Law elementary	Lantz and Rogge	15 a 1	Ruthruff elementary	Wagner and Lumley	9 m 1	New elementary	Woodward, Seven Mile, GTRR, McNichols
2 f 1	Franklin elementary	Wildemere and Taylor	9 f 1	Grant elementary	Stockton and Packard	15 b 1	Harms elementary	Central and Vernor	9 n 1	New elementary	St. Aubin, Jerome, McNichols, Davison
3 d 1	Longfellow elementary	Twelfth and Indiantale	9 h 1	Atkinson elementary	Hildale and Fenelon	15 c 1	Sherrill elementary	McMillan and Military	9 p 1	New elementary	Dequindre, Davison, Northrop, Pembroke
3 e 1	Durfee intermediate	LaSalle and Lawrence	9 j 1	Courville elementary	St. Aubin and Nevada	15 d 1	Priest elementary	W. Grand Blvd. and Buchanan	11 f 1	New elementary	Southfield, Grand River, Greenfield, Schoolcraft
3 f 1	McKerrow elementary	Collingwood and Yellowstone	9 p 4	Davison recreation center	Davison and Lumpkin	15 e 1	Condon intermediate	Twenty-fifth and Porter	12 b 1	Dow elementary	McIntyre, Fargo, Northrop, Pembroke
			10 a 1	Vernor elementary	Pembroke and Lesure	15 f 1	Newberry elementary		13 a 1	McLean elementary	Bramell and W. Chicago
3 g 1	Angell elementary	Holmur and Virginia Park	10 c 1	Higginbotham elementary	Wisconsin and Norfolk	15 k 1	Clippert elementary		13 h 1	New elementary	Evergreen, Joy, Southfield, Warren
4 a 1	Doty elementary	Third and Glynn Court	10 d 1	Pasteur elementary	Warrington and Pickford	16 b 1	Harms elementary		13 j 1	New elementary	Rouge Park, Joy, Evergreen, Warren
4 b 5	Cardoni-Lynn recreation center	Cardoni and Lynn	10 e 1	Hampton elementary	Curtis and Roselawn	16 c 2	Neinas intermediate		13 m 1	New elementary	Stahelin, Paul, Brace, Dayton*
4 c 1	Mt. Vernon recreation center	Mt. Vernon and Beaubien	10 f 1	Bagley elementary	Puritan and Cloverlawn	16 d 1	Hubbard elementary		15 b 1	New elementary	PMRR, Joy Road, Grand River, Tireman
5 b 1	A. L. Holmes elementary	Georgia and Rohns	10 g 1	Fitzgerald elementary	Grove and Linwood				15 f 1	New elementary	PMRR, Tireman, W. Grand Blvd., McGraw
5 e 1	Stephens elementary	Seneca and Lambert	10 h 1	Hally elementary	Linwood and Midland				16 g 2	Maybury elementary	Ogden and Southern
6 g 1	Nichols elementary	Burns and Goethe	10 i 1	Custer elementary	Inverness and Fenkell				16 e 2	McMillan elementary	Olivet and Woodmere
6 h 1	Howe elementary	Charlevoix and St. Clair	10 j 1	Gene Tunney Boys Club	Chalfonte and Greenlawn				16 f 3	Hunter elementary	West End and Vanderbilt
6 n 1	Lingeman elementary	Montclair and Freud	10 k 1	Clinton elementary	Prevost and Pembroke				16 h 2		Colonial and Ormand
6 n 6	Sylvia Allen crafts center	Jefferson in Water Works Park	11 a 1	Bow elementary	Marlowe and Curtis						
7 b 1	Hamilton elementary	Southampton and Newport	11 b 1	Winship elementary	Asbury Park and Puritan						
7 c 1	Stellwagen elementary	Outer Drive and Balfour	11 c 1	Newton elementary	Strathmoor and Puritan						
7 e 1	Marquette elementary	Canyon and Berden	11 d 1	Crary elementary	Penkell and Meyers						
7 g 1	Clark elementary	Bremen and Balfour	11 e 1	Cerveny elementary	Terry and Lyndon						
7 h 1	Hosmer elementary	Newport and Waveney	11 f 1	Guest elementary	Schoolcraft and Coyle						
7 j 1	Carstens elementary	Coplin and Vernor	11 g 1	Burns elementary	Abington and Davison						
7 k 1	Keating elementary	Dickerson and Freud	11 h 1	Cadillac elementary	Grandview and Frisbee						
7 m 1	Guyton elementary	Philip and Avondale	11 i 1	Dossin elementary	Burt and Pembroke						
8 a 1	Pulaski elementary	Strasburg and State Fair	11 j 1	Burgess elementary	Stahelin and Pembroke						
8 b 1	Trix elementary	Bringard and Reno	12 a 1	McKenny elementary	Bentler and Curtis						
8 c 1	Burbank elementary	State Fair and Crusade	12 b 1	Pitcher elementary	Lenore and Bennett						
8 d 1	Columbus elementary	Brook and Springarden	12 c 1	Holcomb elementary	Lamphere and Grove						
8 e 1	Robinson elementary	Grover and Hazelridge	12 d 1	Lodge elementary	Avon and Puritan						
8 f 1	Richard elementary	Lappin and Reno	12 e 1	T. Houghton elementary	Westwood and Acacia						
			12 f 1	Burt elementary	Burt and Lyndon						
			12 g 1	Hubert elementary	Lamphere and Eaton						
			12 h 1	Healy elementary	W. Parkway and Davison						
			12 i 1	Fielding and Cathedral	Woodmont and Elmira						
			12 j 1	Coollidge elementary							
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# MAJOR RECREATION CENTERS *Recreation*

## FUNCTIONS OF THE MAJOR RECREATION CENTER AND FACILITIES REQUIRED

The major recreation center is a place for social and recreational activities for people of several neighborhoods. Its activities may include basketball, swimming, dancing, craftwork, dramatics, music, sewing and cooking classes. It also serves as a field house for baseball, football and other outdoor activities on the playfield.

For these activities the community center has an auditorium, gymnasium with lockers and showers, craft room with power machinery, large and small social halls, kitchen, serving pantry and a reading room. It may have a swimming pool.

The major recreation center is distinguished from a smaller neighborhood center by larger and more specialized facilities which it offers. These facilities are frequently provided in intermediate and high schools, but seldom in elementary schools.

## FACTORS GOVERNING LOCATION OF MAJOR RECREATION CENTERS

Since many of the facilities required for the major recreation program are already provided in intermediate and high schools, the plan is based on maximum utilization of intermediate and high school buildings for the social and recreational program.

The list of new facilities includes both separate major recreation centers to be constructed by the Department of Parks and Recreation in areas where there are no school buildings suitable for the purpose, and new schools and additions to be constructed by the Board of Education. Agreements for joint planning, construction or financial assistance between the two agencies will be worked out as required in the local situations.

## EXPLANATION OF THE MAP

The accompanying map shows the location of major recreation centers owned by the Department of Parks and Recreation, and schools

to be used for recreational centers. Buildings owned by the department are designated by the letter “P”, and school buildings by the letter “E”. Buildings to be financed or constructed by joint agreement between the Board of Education and the Department of Parks and Recreation are designated “P E”. All centers now under construction are included as existing facilities.

### THE PLAN

#### *To be Retained*

1-2	Northeastern high	Warren and Grandy
1-3	Miller high	Vernor and Chene
1-4	Brewster recreation center	Brewster and Hastings
1-6	Balch elementary	St. Antoine and Ferry
2-2	Jefferson intermediate	Selden and Hamilton
3-1	Central high	Linwood and Calvert
3-2	Northwestern high	Grand River and W. Grand Blvd.
3-3	Tappan intermediate	Turner and Webb
4-2	Hutchins intermediate	Byron and Hazelwood
4-3	Sherrard intermediate	Cameron and Melbourne
5-1	Burroughs intermediate	St. Cyril and Kern
6-2	Barbour intermediate	Canfield and Iroquois
6-3	Foch intermediate	Fairview and Goethe
6-4	Eastern high	Mack and E. Grand Blvd.
6-5	St. Clair recreation center	Canfield and Fairview
7-1	Jackson intermediate	Marlborough and Waveney
7-2	Cannon Memorial recreation center	Southampton and Guilford
7-7	Parkside recreation center	Conner and Warren
8-1	Denby high	Kelly and Britain
9-1	Pershing high	Seven Mile and Ryan
9-2	Lasky recreation center	Charles and Fenelon
9-3	Nolan intermediate	Lantz and Russell
10-1	Mumford high	Mendota and Santa Clara
11-1	Cooley high	Hubbell and Chalfonte
12-1	Redford high	Grand River and McNichols
13-1	Cody high	Greenview and Dover
14-1	Mackenzie high	Wyoming and West Point
15-1	Chadsey high	McGraw and Martin
15-3	Kronk recreation center	McGraw and Junction
16-1	Western high	Scotten and Page
16-4	Southwestern high	Fort and Waterman
16-5	Patton Memorial recreation center	Woodmere
16-6	Boynton elementary	Visger and W. Fort

#### *Proposed Facilities*

7-6	Algonquin	Foot of Conner
8-2	Goodale elementary	Dickerson and Chelsea
8-3	Von Steuben elementary	Waltham and Park Grove
10-2	Post intermediate	Midland and Cloverlawn
11-3	Future intermediate	Vicinity of Greenfield and Curtis
12-2	Future intermediate	Vicinity of Stoepel Park
12-3	Future intermediate	Vicinity of Emerson elementary
13-3	Ruddiman elementary	Southfield and Warren
13-4	Asbury Park	Capital and Montrose

# ARENAS, STADIUMS AND SWIMMING POOLS *Recreation*

## FUNCTIONS TO BE SERVED AND FACILITIES REQUIRED

Some of the activities in a municipal recreational program require facilities or equipment more specialized than can be supplied at all major recreation centers and high schools.

Arenas and stadiums to accommodate large spectator groups are needed for finals and major sports events with city-wide interest.

*Arenas* are enclosed buildings for year round competitive sport events which attract large numbers of spectators or participants.

*Stadiums* are outdoor structures for summer and fall outdoor athletic competitions. Stadium events generally attract a larger number of spectators than do arena attractions.

*Outdoor swimming pools* are used intensively for a short summer season, but are normally unuseable the balance of the year. *Indoor pools* are a standard part of the health education facilities of Detroit intermediate and high schools. They are used in the winter recreation program, but are less popular than outdoor pools for summer use.

In order to provide pools for year round use accessible to all parts of the city, the Department of Parks and Recreation has developed an *indoor-outdoor pool*, convertible for summer or winter use. It is a roofed structure with sliding doors on two sides. For summertime use it can be open on two sides and has a sun-bathing terrace. In winter the sliding doors remain closed, and the building provides an indoor pool.

One indoor-outdoor pool has been constructed and is in operation in Patton Memorial Park. The pools plan shows eight locations where indoor-outdoor pools are to be constructed for joint use by the Board of Education and the Department of Parks and Recreation. Three additional indoor-outdoor pools and two outdoor pools in addition to the four outdoor pools now in use will provide pools for all sections of the city.

## FACTORS GOVERNING LOCATION

Since *arenas* and *stadiums* receive and discharge large numbers of persons in a relatively short time, the primary factor in their location is accessibility of the site by major trafficways, and by public transit. The site must be large enough both for the structure and parking cars in proportion to the seating capacity. A parking lot from 15 acres to 25 acres is necessary for facilities recommended in the plan.

The Detroit Master Plan indicates 18 locations for *swimming pools*. Six are proposed as outdoor pools and twelve as indoor-outdoor pools, useable all year. Thus instead of a few large pools or groups of pools which would be quite far apart, smaller pools with wider distribution will make swimming much more accessible to all sections of the city.

## EXPLANATION OF THE MAP

The accompanying map shows the locations of three types of facilities. The letters “O” and “I-O” indicate outdoor and indoor-outdoor pools. Arenas are designated with the letter “A” and stadiums with the letter “S”.

THE PLAN		
<i>Existing Facilities to be Retained</i>		
1-3	Indoor-outdoor pool	Miller high playfield
1-5	William H. Peck recreation center (outdoor pool)	Kirby and Brush
2-2	Outdoor pool	Kelsey Field
7-7	Outdoor pool	Chandler Park
9-1	Indoor-outdoor pool	Pershing high playfield
13-5	Brennan pools	Rouge Park
16-5	George S. Patton Memorial pool (indoor-outdoor)	Patton Memorial park
<i>Proposed Facilities</i>		
7-3	Arena	Mack-Conner
7-5	Outdoor pool	Canyon-Warren playfield
7-6	Indoor-outdoor pool	Algonquin Park
8-3	Indoor-outdoor pool	Von Steuben school playfield
9-2	Outdoor pool	Jayne playfield
9-5	Stadium	Farwell field
10-1	Indoor-outdoor pool	Mumford high playfield
10-2	Indoor-outdoor pool	Post intermediate playfield
11-2	Stadium	Butzel playfield (Lyndon-Meyers)
12-1	Indoor-outdoor pool	Redford high playfield
12-3	Indoor-outdoor pool	Emerson school playfield
13-1	Indoor-outdoor pool	Cody high playfield
13-4	Indoor-outdoor pool	Asbury playfield
14-1	Arena	Mackenzie high playfield
16-6	Indoor-outdoor pool	Fort-Purdue playfield



MISCELLANEOUS AREAS *Recreation*

FUNCTIONS TO BE SERVED AND FACILITIES REQUIRED

Historically the oldest parts of Detroit’s recreational system, and the parts which fifty years ago gave Detroit a reputation as the City Beautiful are its boulevards and small landscaped parks.

The idea of a city with area given generously for ornamental purposes was incorporated in the Governor and Judges Plan in 1807. As a consequence Detroit today has Grand Circus Park, Washington Boulevard and Madison Avenue as landscaped areas which have done much to establish the character of the central business district. A special boulevard commission was established in 1880 to develop the Grand Boulevard as a pleasure drive leading to Belle Isle. Other ornamental areas have been established from time to time either on the initiative of public spirited citizens or as a result of dedications by developers.

In more recent years a number of neighborhood organizations have taken steps to secure greenbelts or landscaped strips at some borders of their neighborhoods for the purpose of screening and separating residential sections from industrial districts.

The landscaped areas and miscellaneous sites within the jurisdiction of the Department of Parks and Recreation include *small parks, parklots, greenbelts, cemeteries, tree and shrub nurseries, yards and barns*. The department also has the responsibility of maintaining designated boulevards and parkways.

DEFINITIONS AND SCOPE OF THIS PLAN

*Small parks* are heavily landscaped areas intended for ornamental

rather than active recreational or picnic use. The small parks included in this plan range in size from a single block to thirty acres.

*Parklots* are landscaped triangles, street entrances or remnant parcels which have been landscaped for ornamental purposes, generally dedicated for these purposes in subdivision plats.

*Greenbelts* are landscaped strips developed as a buffer between homes and industry or non-residential land use.

*Cemeteries* under the jurisdiction of the Department of Parks and Recreation are former township cemeteries which became the responsibility of the City of Detroit when the local governments were annexed to the city.

The city maintains its own tree and shrub *nurseries* for both park landscaping and street tree planting. The largest nursery is within Rouge Park. Only the shrub nursery at Pembroke and Wyoming not included within another park area is shown in this plan.

*Yards and barns* for maintenance equipment are located within the major parks. The only utility sites shown on the accompanying map are those not contained within large parks.

*Boulevards* containing a total of 382 acres, and *parkways* containing 25 acres are a maintenance responsibility of the Department of Parks and Recreation, but are not shown on this map. The Department of Public Works maintains the pavements.

EXPLANATION OF THE MAP

The map is intended to show all ornamental and miscellaneous areas under the jurisdiction of the Department of Parks and Recreation except boulevards and parkways. Existing landscaped areas are indicated by dark green circles. Proposed additions are indicated by light green circles.

THE PLAN		
Existing Facilities		Acres
1-1 Grand Circus Park East	Woodward and Adams	2.3
1-2 Opera House Square	Woodward and Campus Martius	.2
1-3 Harmonie Park	Randolph and Center	.5
1-4 Clinton Park	Gratiot, Raynor and St. Antoine	.8
1-5 Adelaide Campau Park	Clinton and Jos. Campau	.9
1-6 City barns and yard	2541 E. Grand Blvd.	.8
1-7 Fort-Rivard playlot	Fort near Rivard	.3
1-8 Leland-Hastings playlot	Leland and Hastings	.1

Existing Facilities		Acres
2-1 Grand Circus Park West	Woodward and Adams	2.3
2-2 Capitol Park	Griswold and State	.4
2-3 Times Square	State and Park Place	.5
2-4 Cass Park	Temple and Second	4.0
2-5 Scripps Park	Trumbull and Grand River	1.6
2-6 Roosevelt	Fourteenth and Michigan	9.5
2-7 Macomb Park	Seventeenth and Rose	.5
2-8 Crawford Park	Fifth and Vernor	.6
2-9 W. Willis playlot #2	Willis between Second and Third	.2
2-11 Tillman storehouse	Tillman and Ash	.1
3-1 Northwest Park	Grand River and W. Grand Blvd.	1.4
3-2 LaSalle Park	LaSalle Boulevard	3.8
3-3 Russell Woods Park	Broadstreet and Fullerton	3.2
3-4 Nardin Park	W. Chicago and Grand River	5.2
3-5 Boston-Martindale playlot	Boston and Martindale	.4
4-1 Voight Park	Second and Longfellow	6.8
4-2 Arden playlot	Woodward and Oakland	1.3
4-3 Burlingame parklots	Hamilton, Twelfth and Woodward	.4
4-4 Lawrence parklot	At Woodward	.1
4-5 Virginia Park parklot	From Woodward to Twelfth	1.0
4-6 Holbrook parklot	Holbrook and John R	.2
5-1 Harper Court	Harper and Holcomb	.2
5-2 DeHoratiis parklot	E. Grand Blvd., Gratiot, Warren	.8
7-1 Conner parkway strip	Conner from Shoemaker to Gratiot	34.7
9-1 Coventry Park	Coventry, Seven Mile and John R	.9
9-2 Hildale-Grixdale parklot	Woodward at Hildale and Grixdale	.9
10-1 Sherwood Park	Warrington and St. Martins	.3
10-2 Hyde Park	Chippewa and Canterbury	.7
10-3 Pembroke nursery	Pembroke and Wyoming	25.4
11-1 Appoline parklot	Appoline and Grove	.1
11-2 James Couzens parklots	James Couzens and Outer Drive	.5
11-3 Forest Hill cemetery	Lyndon and Meyers	4.1
12-1 Reid Park	Marion and Patton	1.2
12-2 Mt. Hazel cemetery	Lahser and Pickford	3.7
12-3 Bell Branch cemetery	Telegraph and Puritan	6.9
14-1 Griggs parkway strip	Griggs and Ilene	.4
14-3 Shirley Avenue greenbelt	Shirley from Plymouth to Allenby	4.6
15-1 Dover Park	Rangoon and Diversey	.1
16-1 Stanton Park	Seventeenth and Porter	.6
Proposed Facilities		
10-4 Palmer Woods greenbelt	Woodward from Seven Mile to Evergreen cemetery	4.3
11-6 Southfield-Fullerton greenbelt	Fullerton from Memorial to Southfield	2.0
13-2 Fitzpatrick-Weaver greenbelts	Fitzpatrick from Southfield to Ellis	14.5
13-3 Ellis-Robson greenbelts	Ellis, Robson, Hubbell	1.7
13-4 Freeland Avenue greenbelt	Freeland from West Chicago to Plymouth	4.7
14-2 Esper parklots	Tireman and Appoline	2.3
14-4 Cloverdale-Intervale greenbelt	Cloverdale-Intervale	2.2